

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Caseload Analysis FY 2009 - FY 2010

	FY 2010	FY 2009	
	12 Months Ending 9/30/2010	12 Months Ending 9/30/2009	% Change
FILINGS			
Total Filings ¹	1208	1367	-11.6%
District Court	428	445	-3.8%
Court of Federal Claims	178	154	15.6%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	150	156	-3.8%
Court of International Trade	43	47	-8.5%
Merit Systems Protection Board	230	381	-39.6%
Patent & Trademark Office	87	95	-8.4%
Boards of Contract Appeals	15	25	-40.0%
International Trade Commission	21	28	-25.0%
Department of Veterans Affairs	5	1	400.0%
Office of Compliance	1	2	-50.0%
Department of Justice	1	7	-85.7%
Writs	49	26	88.5%
Total Filings per Panel ²	302	342	-11.7%
TERMINATIONS			
Total Terminations ³	1195	1417	-15.7%
District Court	394	432	-8.8%
Court of Federal Claims	179	156	14.7%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	127	173	-26.6%
Court of International Trade	39	49	-20.4%
Merit Systems Protection Board	291	409	-28.9%
Patent & Trademark Office	79	101	-21.8%
Boards of Contract Appeals	21	23	-8.7%
International Trade Commission	22	38	-42.1%
Department of Veterans Affairs	1	1	0.0%
Office of Compliance	1	2	-50.0%
Department of Justice	3	5	-40.0%
Writs	38	28	35.7%
Total Terminations per Panel	299	354	-15.5%

¹ Filings: Total number of appeals (including cross- and consolidated appeals) docketed or reinstated during the 12-month review period.

² Per panel figures are calculated by dividing by four (the number of three-judge panels of authorized judgeships for the court).

³ Terminations: Total number of appeals (including cross- and consolidated appeals) terminated during the 12-month review period.

	FY 2010 12 Months Ending 9/30/2010	FY 2009 12 Months Ending 9/30/2009	% Change
Total Merits Terminations ⁴	606	698	-13.2%
District Court	177	187	-5.3%
Court of Federal Claims	81	83	-2.4%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	68	95	-28.4%
Court of International Trade	26	32	-18.8%
Merit Systems Protection Board	182	234	-22.2%
Patent & Trademark Office	47	45	4.4%
Boards of Contract Appeals	12	12	0.0%
International Trade Commission	9	7	28.6%
Department of Veterans Affairs	0	1	-100.0%
Office of Compliance	1	0	100.0%
Department of Justice	2	2	0.0%
Writs	1	0	100.0%
Percentage of Merits Terminations Orally Argued: ⁵	62.9%	59.2%	
Dispositions:			
FCR 36 Summary Orders	135	126	7.1%
Other Non-Precedential Opinions	254	327	-22.3%
Precedential Opinions	217	245	-11.4%
Percentage Non-Precedential Dispositions:	64.2%	64.9%	

CASE EVENT TIMELINES

Median Time: Docketing to Disposition⁶

All Appeals	6.6 months	6.5 months
Merits Dispositions	9.1 months	9.3 months

Median Time: Calendar to Disposition⁷

All Merits Dispositions	1.6 months	1.6 months
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⁴ Merits Terminations: Dispositions by three-judge merits panels or by the court en banc based on the merits of a case after presentation in briefs pursuant to FRAP 28. Excludes cross- and consolidated appeals and dispositions by motions panels.

⁵ Percentage of Merits Terminations Orally Argued: Most appeals where the parties are represented by counsel are argued orally. Pro se appeals are not argued orally.

⁶ Median Time Docketing to Disposition: Median number of months between docketing and disposition for appeals terminated during the 12-month review period.

⁷ Median Time Calendar to Disposition: Median number of months between oral argument or submission on the briefs and disposition for appeals terminated during the 12-month review period.